

INNOCENT GIRL WAS SAVED BY BISHOP POTTER'S NAME.

It Was on the Fly-Leaf of a Book She Was Unwarrantably Accused of Stealing by a Clerk in Putnam's Book Store.

An innocent young woman, and one of the most honored names in America, on the eve of Christmas, figured in a drama that was almost a tragedy. The scene was the book store of G. P. Putnam's Sons, at Nos. 27 and 29 West Twenty-third street.

The young woman, accompanied by another of her own age, both exhibiting evidences of refinement, were making belated Christmas purchases. They strolled along the loaded counters, examining daintily printed calendars and turning the leaves of handsomely bound volumes. At length they selected three books and gave a clerk a five-dollar bill with which to pay for them.

After a minute or two the clerk delivered a package containing the books to the purchaser with the \$3.80 change due. The young woman who took the package had in her arms several parcels of goods purchased elsewhere. As the clerk turned away he heard her say to her companion in a low voice:

"How easy it would be to carry off anything you wanted here in a busy time like this. No one would be the wiser."

The young woman had barely reached the pavement when they heard hasty footsteps behind them, and then a voice:

"I beg your pardon."

They turned, and the man requested them to return to the store they had just left. He was very polite. The young woman looked surprised, but did not hesitate. They were escorted into the store and to the desk where sat Superintendent Fred D. Lacy.

"This is the lady, sir," said the man, indicating the young woman who carried the package of books, together with other parcels.

"You wanted to see me? What is it?" she asked.

"She took a book for which she had not paid," said the man to Superintendent Lacy. "She has now turned her parcels—the one that is not wrapped."

The young woman flushed a deep crimson, but without a word handed the unwrapped book to the superintendent. He looked at it, and said, with a frown:

"That is not one of our books. Why do you make such an accusation? Mr. ———, meaning one of the salesmen, 'sent me after her. He said she took it.' Will you kindly bring my accuser at once," said the young woman.

Bishop's Name on the Fly Leaf. The salesman came.

"Now," said the girl, serenely, to Superintendent Lacy, "will you kindly read the inscription on the fly leaf of the book?"

The superintendent glanced at the fly leaf and his face lengthened. He arose with an apologetic air.

"Kindly read the inscription aloud," said the girl.

"To the Right Reverend Henry C. Potter, with compliments of the author," read Superintendent Lacy. The detective and the salesman, crestfallen, looked at each other.

"I am Bishop Potter's daughter," said the young woman.

The salesmen and the superintendent, the salesman and the detective were profuse. They pleaded the rush of business. The young woman smiled, accepted the apologies, adding:

"But if it had been one of your books, and if the inscription had been omitted, what then?"

There were more apologies, apologies that followed the young woman clear to the street. No less than five employees of the store who related the facts as here given yesterday laid especial stress upon the apologies.

"This affair doesn't refer to my daughter at all," said Bishop Potter when the statement of the clerks had been related to him last evening.

EDITOR WARDNER IS IN FIGHTING MOOD.

He Doesn't Mean to Stay in Jail Thirty Days if He Can Get Out by Law.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 24.—A writ of habeas corpus has been applied for by the counsel of Torrey E. Wardner, editor of the Boston Traveller, who was sentenced yesterday to serve thirty days in jail for contempt of court by Judge Sherman. The writ is returnable before the Supreme Court of Massachusetts in Boston on Tuesday.

It is Wardner's avowed intention to test the constitutionality of the law under which he was sent to jail at the will of a judge without trial by jury.

Boston, Dec. 24.—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of Torrey E. Wardner, editor of the Boston Traveller, who is in jail at Dedham for contempt of court by Judge Sherman, was presented to Judge Holmes here to-day, but the Court refused to issue a writ.

CUBAN AND FILIPINO SOLDIERS TO BE PAID.

Nearly \$2,000,000 to Be Distributed Among the Former and \$1,200,000 Among the Latter.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The War Department is preparing plans for distributing nearly \$2,000,000 among the soldiers of the Cuban army.

This money has been appropriated by Congress, and the President has decided to give \$75 to each soldier who lays down his arms and prepares to resume peaceful pursuits.

This money is in the nature of a temporary loan from the United States to the people of Cuba, and will be repaid to this country out of the revenues of the island.

Besides cash, the President intends to distribute food to the destitute, seeds to the farmers, and tools to mechanics.

The same plan is to be followed with the Filipino soldiers. There is to be about \$1,200,000 divided among them when they lay down their arms.

BRITISH EXHIBITORS SUE FOR \$15,000.

They Demand That Sum for Mosaics Sent to the Field Columbian Museum.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A question as to the right of the Field Columbian Museum to sell articles donated to it for purposes of exhibition is the legal issue involved in a case before Judge Chetlain and a jury in the Superior Court. The defendant, the Field Columbian Museum, maintains that it has the right to sell or otherwise dispose of any donations which it has received for exhibition purposes without making any return to the donor.

The case is that of Maw & Co., of London, England, who, in 1894, sent mosaics and cases valued at \$15,000 to the museum as a donation for exhibition. The goods were damaged by fire and sold at auction for about \$500.

MOTHER FORGIVES DAUGHTER IN COURT.

Restores Bank Book She Had Withheld and Blesses Marriage She Opposed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Seller, of No. 253 Ely street, Williamsburg, was summoned to the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday by her daughter, Mrs. Wilhelmina Goodwin, to explain why she withheld a bankbook from her.

Mrs. Goodwin is eighteen years old, and was secretly married two months ago. Mrs. Seller was opposed to the marriage, and closed her door to daughter and son-in-law. She retained her daughter's bankbook. It called for \$375, and was given to the girl in small sums by her uncle.

After a vain attempt to get the book Mrs. Goodwin went to court on Friday and obtained the summons for her mother, which was made returnable yesterday.

There Mrs. Seller, turning to her daughter and handing her the bankbook, said: "Take it, child, and may you live all the blessings a mother can wish you."

AUBURNDALE IS SAFE IN PORT, BUT LEAKS.

Bark Stranded Near Barnegat Was Floated and Towed to New York.

The American bark Auburndale, which rammed her nose on the Jersey sands, six miles south of Barnegat, last Thursday afternoon, was floated a little before 3 a. m. yesterday. Ten hours later she reached New York in tow of one of the North America Wrecking Company's tugs. Captain Daw, when asked to tell about the stranding of his vessel, said:

"Simple enough. We entered that big strip of fog last Monday and sailed under dead reckoning, when any breeze allowed us to go. Last Thursday, and then we stranded. Wasn't much of a sea, but at 9 o'clock that night the sea savers shot a line about the end of the cable, and we wanted to land in the breeches buoy. I let

them. At 2 o'clock Friday morning the second mate and two more men allowed they'd land, and the breeches took them off. That left the chief mate, steward and one sailor with me on the ship. They stuck by me, and we jettisoned 100 tons of salt. The vessel slid off easily enough, and, harking a leak, isn't damaged. Two pumps keep her clear, and we'll deck and recalc her, that's all."

CLUNG SIX DAYS TO SINKING HULK.

Crew of the M. S. Dowling Rescued from the Vessel by the Hallywell.

Captain Ganton and his crew of eight men of the American schooner M. S. Dowling, abandoned at sea on December 2, arrived here yesterday as Consul's men on the Cunarder Etruria, from Liverpool.

The Dowling, of 274 tons, left Cape Haytien for Boston early in November. The vessel made a slow voyage, and she was still 150 miles southeast of Boston when she was struck by the hurricane of November 27. The sails were torn to ribbons, the masts went overboard, and the vessel inside of ten hours was a water-logged wreck. But she floated and the men clung to her until December 2, when the British steamship Hallywell answered their signals and picked them up, half frozen, from the Dowling's hulk.

The Hallywell landed them in Liverpool, and the American Consul sent them home from there.

MINERS KILLED AND MAIMED BY EXPLOSION.

Rescuing Party Now Searching the Luke Fidler Shaft for Victims of the Black Damp.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 24.—A terrific explosion of gas occurred to-day in the East gangway, on the first lift slope of the Luke Fidler shaft, by which two persons were fatally injured, and several others seriously hurt.

The fatally injured are: John Gorsli, married, buried about body and injured. Michael Curoski, married, face and body buried.

The seriously injured are: John Graef, married, buried about face and body; Michael and John Spitt, both married, badly burned about the face and hands, and Frank Shook, married, badly bruised and buried about the face.

Immediately after the explosion Superintendent Kahlbrex and Foreman Her, headed a rescuing party and are now making an attempt to explore various mine chambers in search of a few men supposed to have been overcome by black damp.

NO FISHERIES TREATY.

Newfoundland Learns That and Reciprocity Questions Went Be Settled.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 24.—Sir James Winter, Premier of Newfoundland, returned here yesterday from Washington, where he has been attending the sittings of the International Commission.

It is understood here that there is no prospect of a settlement of the fisheries and reciprocity questions, though a treaty will be signed about the end of January covering minor subjects in dispute.

ALLEN A BANKRUPT.

The Albany Lawyer Confesses to Liabilities of \$200,000.

Buffalo, Dec. 24.—Daniel W. Allen, a lawyer of this city, has been adjudged bankrupt on his own application. The liabilities amount to over \$200,000. Of this amount \$190,000 is secured.

The only assets given are 335 shares of stock in the Hamburg Railway Company, and as they have been pledged for their full value they can have no value in the bankruptcy proceedings.

USED UNCLE SAM'S CASH.

Postmaster of Hamilton, R. I., Paid His Creditors with Money Orders.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Post Office Inspector Pendleton to-day reported to Chief George C. Evans, from Hamilton, R. I., that he had discovered a shortage of \$2,467.67 in the accounts of the Postmaster of that place.

The Hamilton Post Office is one of those which, under the present Administration, have a right to be, but it is too new to be valuable, for he is a descendant of a blacksmith.

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HIS SANTA CLAUS THE DEATH ANGEL.

Boy's Attempt to Save His Red Wagon Cost Him His Life.

CRUSHED UNDER TROLLEY.

Toy Soldiers and Little Locomotives Laid Away in the McClellan Home.

In a few hours more Santa Claus would have brought little Willie McClellan a great store of toys. But he wasn't thinking of that. His battered red wagon that he got last Christmas had rolled out on the trolley tracks and a car was coming. He tried to save it and the next instant was crushed to death under the heavy trucks.

That's why there is only grief to-day in the McClellan home in East Rutherford, instead of the Christmas cheer and jollity so eagerly anticipated.

The accident occurred between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Willie, who was four years old and the last of William McClellan's six children, was playing on the sidewalk in front of his home in Paterson avenue. He and some companions had been hauling dirt and stones in the old red wagon. For a moment they forgot it and left it standing on the walk. Some one gave it a push and it rolled out on the tracks of the Newark & Hackensack trolley line.

"I'll get it, Willie; stay there!" exclaimed one of the older boys, and he jumped into the street after the wagon. He had to be quick, for a car, in charge of Motorman Harry Watson, was coming along at high speed and rapidly nearing the spot.

Willie got anxious. He ran out to help save the little red wagon. For the moment he forgot all about the loss of never and after things Santa Claus was going to bring him. The elder boy was sorry. He whisked the wagon away in plenty of time and jumped across the track. Willie tried to follow him. The fender struck him, knocked him down and he was rolled along and crushed by the heavy trucks.

When Motorman Watson saw the boy was dead he was stricken with convulsions. A doctor was quickly summoned for him, but up to a late hour last night he was still unconscious.

The shocking news was telegraphed to Willie's father, who is superintendent of a large dry-goods store in West Twenty-third street, and he hastened home.

And so the Christmas tree and the toy soldiers and locomotives have been put away in the McClellan home.

CARRIED POWDER THROUGH THE FLAMES.

Brave Work of Boston Firemen Avert an Imminent Danger.

Boston, Dec. 24.—A three-story brick building at No. 1789 Washington street burned to-day. Several minor explosions occurred, caused by liquors. An accident was averted by the heroic work of Fire Chief John Grady, assisted by others, who carried a large copper chest of powder from the burning building. The copper chest was red hot before taken out. A police prefect, who played on it until it was made thoroughly cool. Then all danger was over.

STABBED—AND IN A CELL!

Police Thought Mahoney Was Intoxicated, but He Is Likely to Die.

A man, who says he is Thomas Mahoney, was found early yesterday morning at North Moore and Hudson street, apparently intoxicated. When he was called later at the Leonard street police station he was unable to leave his cell. Examination showed a deep stab wound in the left side of his body.

At the Hudson Street Hospital the man made an ante mortem statement after he had been taken to the hospital. He said he was hurt. It is thought arrests will be made.

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A HUNDRED CLERGYMEN RAISE THEIR VOICES AGAINST SEATING A POLYGAMIST IN CONGRESS.

In Reply the Leader of the Mormons in the East Calls Polygamy a Dead Issue.

The protest of American women, supported by the protest of American clergymen of all sects and creeds, will prevent the seating in Congress of Brigham H. Roberts, the polygamist elected by the Mormons of Utah, in defiance of the solemn provision under which their Territory was admitted to Statehood.

The first news dispatches which informed the world that Utah had, in violation of her State Constitution, chosen a Mormon missionary—a man with three acknowledged wives—as its representative in Congress, aroused the indignation of the American people of all classes, and that indignation found quick crystallization in all quarters, in the shape of formal protests, appeals, petitions and in the resolutions of societies whose bases are the tenets of Christian civilization.

Christian women were most active in the voluntary movement to prevent the consummation of this impudent attempt to legalize the Turkish harem in the most advanced civilization the world has known. American womanhood's protest against this insult to American womanhood was instant, unanimous, and behind American womanhood, in defence of the sanctity of the human home, rallied the clergy of all the churches that have found liberty of thought and teaching under the Stars and Stripes.

In the American magazine supplement to the Sunday Journal, one hundred clergymen eloquently voice their denunciation of the

THE JOURNAL'S ANTI-POLYGAMY PETITION.

To the Congress of the United States: